Resolution authorizing the USEPA Coalition Assessment Grant Memorandum of Agreement (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING)

WHEREAS, The United States Environmental Protection Agency administers Assessment Coalition Grants through the EPA Brownfields Program; and

WHEREAS, Assessment Coalitions must be comprised of three or more eligible entities; and

WHEREAS, Franklin County is an eligible entity to participate in the Brownfields Program and Franklin County has been approached to participate as a partner in the program with the city of Columbus and the Columbus and Franklin County Metropolitan Park District; and

WHEREAS, Assessment Coalition Grants must be used to conduct environmental assessments of properties where the redevelopment or reuse of the property may be complicated by the presence of hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants; and

WHEREAS, a Coalition Grant can help promote economic development, environmental sustainability and collaborative partnerships; and

WHEREAS, completing an environmental assessment is the first step in turning unproductive sites into productive uses; and

WHEREAS, given the importance of identifying, remediating and redeveloping potentially polluted or contaminated properties on the public health, safety, welfare and economy of Franklin County; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO:

- 1. That the attached USEPA Coalition Assessment Grant Memorandum of Agreement is hereby approved.
- 2. That the Director of the Economic Development and Planning Department is authorized to act on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners to implement the provisions of the attached Memorandum of Agreement.

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Cc: Economic Development & Planning Department